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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6682

BILL NUMBER: HB 1576

DATE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Railway Safety.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) with safety inspection authority for railroad rights-of-way, terminals, rail yards, and rail loading and unloading facilities. It provides that the Department may hold a hearing on a safety concern. The bill provides that after a hearing, the Department may order the removal of a dangerous or an unhealthy condition.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill provides that the INDOT may inspect railroad rights-of-way, terminals, rail yards, and rail loading and unloading facilities. The December 2, 2000, staffing report for the INDOT listed six employees in the Railroad Division. Presumably, this division would conduct any inspections required in this bill.

Any additional funds and resources that may be required could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

The budget submitted by the INDOT for the 2001-2003 biennium contained 391 vacancies, with all of them funded. The fund affected is the State Highway Fund. For FY 2000, the INDOT reverted \$257.6 M from a variety of accounts.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: INDOT budget; December 2, 2000, Staffing Table.